IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A material for an organic electroluminescence device comprising a compound represented by the following general formula (1):

wherein

Ar₁ to Ar₄ each represent a <u>p-phenylene or m-phenylene</u> benzene residue;

 R_1 to R_8 each independently represent a hydrogen atom, a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group having 1 to 40 carbon atoms, a substituted or unsubstituted aromatic heterocyclic group having 5 to 40 ring atoms, a substituted or unsubstituted alkoxy group having 1 to 40 carbon atoms, a substituted or unsubstituted aromatic hydrocarbon group having 6 to 40 ring carbon atoms, a substituted or unsubstituted aryloxy group having 6 to 40 carbon atoms, a substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl group having 7 to 40 carbon atoms, a substituted or unsubstituted alkenyl group having 2 to 40 carbon atoms, a substituted or unsubstituted alkylamino group having 1 to 40 carbon atoms, a substituted or unsubstituted arylamino group having 6 to 40 carbon atoms, a substituted or unsubstituted aralkylamino group having 7 to 40 carbon atoms, or a group represented by Cz below, and when each of R_1 to R_8 bond to its adjacent carbon atom may bond to each other to form a saturated or unsaturated cyclic structure;

Cz represents a group expressed by the following general formula (2a) or (2b):

wherein

A represents a single bond, -(CR₉R₁₀)_n-, -(SiR₁₁R₁₂)_n-, -NR₁₃-, -O-, or -S-, n represents an integer of 1 to 3, R₉ to R₁₅ each independently represent a hydrogen atom, a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group having 1 to 40 carbon atoms, a substituted or unsubstituted alkoxy group having 3 to 40 ring atoms, a substituted aromatic hydrocarbon group having 6 to 40 ring carbon atoms, a substituted or unsubstituted aryloxy group having 6 to 40 carbon atoms, a substituted or unsubstituted aryloxy group having 6 to 40 carbon atoms, a substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl group having 7 to 40 carbon atoms, a substituted or unsubstituted or unsubstituted or unsubstituted or unsubstituted arylamino group having 1 to 40 carbon atoms, a substituted or unsubstituted arylamino group having 6 to 40 carbon atoms, or a substituted or unsubstituted aralkylamino group having 7 to 40 carbon atoms, or a substituted or unsubstituted aralkylamino group having 7 to 40 carbon atoms; and a couple of R₉ and R₁₀ or a couple of R₁₁ and R₁₂ may bond each other to form a saturated or unsaturated cyclic structure;

X represents a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group having 1 to 40 carbon atoms, a substituted or unsubstituted aromatic heterocyclic group having 5 to 40 ring atoms, a

substituted or unsubstituted alkoxy group having 1 to 40 carbon atoms, a substituted or unsubstituted aromatic hydrocarbon group having 6 to 40 ring carbon atoms, a substituted or unsubstituted aryloxy group having 6 to 40 carbon atoms, a substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl group having 7 to 40 carbon atoms, a substituted or unsubstituted alkenyl group having 2 to 40 carbon atoms, a substituted or unsubstituted alkylamino group having 1 to 40 carbon atoms, a substituted or unsubstituted arylamino group having 6 to 40 carbon atoms, or a substituted or unsubstituted aralkylamino group having 7 to 40 carbon atoms;

provided that, when at least one of Ar_1 to Ar_4 represents m-phenylene or o phenylene, of when all of Ar_1 to Ar_4 each represent p-phenylene in the general formula (1), at least one of R_1 to R_8 represents a substituted or unsubstituted aromatic hydrocarbon group having 6 to 40 ring carbon atoms, or the above group represented by Cz.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended) A material for an organic electroluminescence device according to claim 1, wherein Ar_2 and Ar_3 each independently represent m-phenylene or ophenylene, and Ar_1 and Ar_4 each represent p-phenylene in the general formula (1).

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): A material for an organic electroluminescence device according to claim 1, wherein Ar₁ and Ar₄ each independently represent m-phenylene or ophenylene, and Ar₂ and Ar₃ each represent p-phenylene in the general formula (1).

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): A material for an organic electroluminescence device according to claim 1, wherein Ar_1 and Ar_4 each independently represent m-phenylene, and R_1 or R_7 represents a substituted or unsubstituted aromatic hydrocarbon group having 6 to 40 ring carbon atoms, or the group represented by Cz in the general formula (1).

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): A material for an organic electroluminescence device according to claim 1 or 4, wherein the group represented by Cz in the general formula (1) comprises a substituted or unsubstituted carbazolyl group, or a substituted or unsubstituted 9-phenylcarbazolyl group.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): A material for an organic electroluminescence device according to claim 1 or 4, wherein the compound represented by the general formula (1) is a host material for an organic electroluminescence device.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): An organic EL device comprising an organic thin film layer composed of one or more layers including at least a light-emitting layer being sandwiched between a cathode and an anode, wherein at least one layer of the organic thin film layer comprises the material for an organic electroluminescence device according to any one of claims 1 or 4 1-to 6.

Claim 8 (Original): An organic electroluminescence device according to claim 7, wherein the light-emitting layer comprises the material for an organic electroluminescence device as a host material.

Claim 9 (Original): An organic electroluminescence device according to claim 8, wherein the light-emitting layer is composed of one or more host material and one or more phosphorescent metal complex.

Claim 10 (Original): An organic electroluminescence device according to claim 7, wherein a reducing dopant is added to an interfacial region between the cathode and the organic thin film layer.

Claim 11 (Original): An organic electroluminescence device according to claim 7, further comprising an electron-injecting layer between the light-emitting layer and the cathode, wherein the electron-injecting layer has a nitrogen atom-containing derivative as an essential component.

Claim 12 (New): A material for an organic electroluminescence device according to claim 1, wherein at least on of Ar₁ to Ar₄ each represents m-phenylene.